

A monthly newsletter for the citizens of the City of Rockville

Mayor Giammo to Present Highlights of Travels With Ehrlich to China, Singapore

Rockville Mayor Larry Giammo is inviting the public to a briefing he will present on his recent trip with Maryland Governor Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr. to China and Singapore. The presentation will focus on what the mayor learned that could foster better relations between local governments in Maryland and Asian-centered businesses.

The presentation of about 45 minutes will take place on Thursday, Dec. 2, starting at 5:30 p.m. in the first floor auditorium of the Montgomery County Council office building at 100 Maryland Avenue (across from Rockville City Hall).

Giammo’s mid-October trip

Rockville and other parts of Maryland, and toward attracting new Asian businesses that might want to get established here.”

At the December briefing, Giammo said he will discuss the influence Maryland’s Department of Business and Economic Development is having toward establishing better relationships with Asian-based businesses. He said he is appreciative of the help he has received from members of the Asian Pacific American Chamber of Commerce, particularly George Dang, Jon Liu and Serina Moy, in working toward better understanding between these businesses and U.S. local

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Members of the Asian Pacific American Chamber of Commerce George Dang (left) and John Liu (right) stand with Mayor Larry Giammo on the popular Nanking Road in Shanghai. Dang and Liu along with Serina Moy (not pictured) assisted Mayor Giammo by helping to establish additional contacts with business leaders and government officials in Shanghai and Suzhou.

covered eight days.

“I returned with a much-broadened appreciation of how China is moving from a controlled economy to a market-driven economy,” said Giammo. “Many people are not aware that Asian-based businesses already are a major factor in our area. This trip could have considerable impact on helping the businesses that are currently in

governments such as Rockville. Rockville provides an outstanding environment, excellent infrastructure and a highly educated and diverse workforce for a variety of businesses. The 2000 U.S. Census reports Asians are the largest minority in Rockville with 14.8 percent of the population of 47,388, including 6.1 percent of the total identifying themselves as Chinese. [RR](#)



Rockville City Manager Scott Ullery and his wife, Cathy (left), met with residents at an introductory reception at City Hall on Oct. 12.

Ullery Starts Nov. 29 As New City Manager

Scott Ullery, who has 25 years of government experience, will start as Rockville’s new City Manager on Nov. 29.

Rockville’s Mayor and Council on Monday, Oct. 25, unanimously approved a contract that will make Ullery the next city manager of Rockville, Maryland’s fifth-largest city.

Ullery has served as deputy county administrator in Santa Barbara since 1997. Santa Barbara County has an estimated population of 403,134 and the county has approximately 4,300 employees. Rockville’s population according the 2000 U.S. Census is 47,388 and the City has about 500 fulltime employees.

Ullery’s responsibilities in Santa Barbara were focused primarily on strategic planning, in-

formation technology, annexations, project management and economic development. He was the principal cognizant executive for planning and development, public works, general services, human resources, social services, public health, mental health and the agricultural commissioner.

“Everything about Rockville exudes quality. Its neighborhoods and parks are beautiful. Its citizens are active and engaged,” said Ullery. “The city is well run—and the Mayor and Council are positive and committed to making it an even better place. I could not be more excited about this opportunity to serve and become part of this community.”

Catherine Tuck Parrish has

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served as Rockville’s acting city manager since Jan. 12. Tuck Parrish, the city’s assistant city manager, was appointed by the Mayor and Council as interim city manager following the resignation of W. Mark Pentz. After 5½ years in Rockville, Pentz resigned to become city manager of Chandler, Ariz. Tuck Parrish chose not to be a candidate for the city manager position.

Ullery interviewed in person with all five members of the Mayor and Council in late September. On Oct. 12, the Mayor and Council hosted a reception for Ullery with presidents of City neighborhood associations, chairs of boards and commissions and representatives of the Rockville business community.

“We are really excited to have Scott coming to Rockville,” said Mayor Larry Giammo. “We could not be more thrilled. He will really bring some great things to city government.” [RR](#)



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LET IT SNOW... Rockville’s historic Glenview Mansion glowed in the snow following a major storm last winter. Prepare for another winter season by turning to page 3 for information about the City’s new snow emergency plan, snow shoveling and where to go for inclement weather updates.

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December’s Best of Rockville

Dec. 4,5,11,12

Rockville Civic Ballet presents “The Nutcracker” F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre. \$10 adults, \$8 children (ages 12 and under) and senior citizens (ages 60 and older.) Box office: 240-314-8690.



Dec. 4

21st Annual Senior Center Holiday Bazaar Handmade arts and crafts, plants, computers, baked goods, gift shop and thrift shop. Raffle prizes include \$500 cash, a handmade quilt and afghan and more. Rockville Senior Center. 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Dec. 19

Rockville Concert Band “Holiday Concert” 3 p.m. Pre-concert “Clarinet Choir” at 2 p.m. in theatre’s lobby. FREE. Donations accepted. Tickets required. 240-314-8681.

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Sheraton Hotel Proposed for King Farm

The developers of King Farm have proposed building a five-story, 155-room hotel with a restaurant and two 1,000-square-foot meeting rooms in place of currently approved office space between King Farm Boulevard and Redland Boulevard.

Details of the plan were presented to the Mayor and Council on Nov. 1 for comments. The Mayor and Council previously approved a change in the King Farm concept plan that would allow a

change of use—allowing a hotel in place of square footage originally designed for office space.

The hotel would be part of the Irvington Centre office complex in the mixed-used development, whose original concept plan was approved in 1995. Since its inception, King Farm has often been recognized as one of the Washington metropolitan region’s most innovative communities.

Access to the hotel would be from King Farm Boulevard.

The architectural plan presented to the Mayor and Council showed a combination of pre-cast concrete, brick and aluminum detailing. The style and colors relate to the existing office construction on the King Farm site. The developers said the hotel was designed to be “a gateway” building for the northern section of Rockville.

The plan was next scheduled to go to Rockville’s Planning Commission for a recommendation. [RR](#)

Make Holidays Bright (Don’t Ignite) With Seasonal Decorations

Spreading holiday cheer is on many people’s to do list this season, and that often includes placing decorations such as trees and candles around their Rockville homes. But with all of the festivities also comes the increased chance of home fires.

There are many ways to make this season bright, without the increased risk of fire.

Before hanging the first decoration, check all smoke detectors and replace the batteries if needed. If using candles in holiday decor, be sure they are in stable holders and place them in an area where they can not be knocked over. Candles must be away from items that are combustible such as trees, ribbon and gifts. Avoid over-

loading electrical outlets by following the manufacturer’s

“If a large number of needles fall off the tree, it has been cut too long ago, is too dry and is susceptible for fire.”

— Bill Hamilton, Fire Marshall

instructions for maximum number of lights strings connecting and replace damaged cords.

If your family celebration includes a tree, select a fresh one by bouncing it on the ground. If a large number of

needles fall off the tree, it has been cut too long ago, is too dry and is susceptible for fire. Place the tree and other combustible holiday decorations away from heat sources such as heater vents and fireplaces.

When cleaning up after gift giving, never place wrapping paper or gift boxes in the fireplace or woodstove. They burn hot and fast and can damage the chimney or flue.

“By following these tips and always remaining observant when decorating for the holidays, citizens can lower their risk for house fires and have a safe and happy season,” said Rockville Fire Marshall Bill Hamilton. “And remember, carbon monoxide detectors and smoke detectors make excellent holiday gifts.” [RR](#)

Senior Center Renovations Increase Members Appetite for Active Lunchtime

The lives of hundreds of Rockville seniors are a little bit brighter now that major renovations to the Senior Center are complete. The Center celebrated the opening of a new sunroom and renovated kitchen in October and ever since has been attracting droves to the new area for the Senior Center’s popular lunch program.

The new room also is attracting attention from those looking to rent the Senior Center for catered special events.

“The lunch program serves the seniors who are still living on their own in Rockville by providing them with a hot, nutritious meal each day,” said Jill Hall, supervisor of the Senior Center. “For some who participate, this is the only well-prepared meal they will eat during the day so it is important they have an area where they are comfortable, safe and feel welcome.”

The improvements also came about due to demand for an intimate but attractive evening and weekend rental space for bridal showers, birth-



Senior Center Supervisor Jill Hall addresses a packed eating area at the sunroom dedication ceremony in October.

day parties and receptions.

The two-year project included input from a committee of seniors and staff to not only rejuvenate a tired-looking area, but also make the kitchen a safer and easier place to work. It also adds additional space for the approximately 100 seniors that come to the Center for their mid-day meal.

Rockville Seniors, Inc., the fundraising arm of the Senior Center, led a campaign for new furniture and provided additional funding to support the construction. Their total contribution was \$53,000, while Senior Center users contributed \$12,000 toward the furniture cost.

The rest of the \$240,000 project was paid for through a \$100,000 grant from the Maryland Department of Aging and the City of Rockville Capital Improvements Project fund. [RR](#)

Focus On **HELPING FAMILIES**



Members of the Faith United Methodist Church help organize the church’s participation in family sponsorship in the Rockville Holiday Drive by placing names of children and their holiday gift requests on an “angel tree.”

Rockville has many programs that affect the lives of residents. On a regular basis, “Focus On” will take an introspective look at these programs and detail the impact they have for City residents.

During Rockville’s annual Holiday Drive last year, 97 families were able to better enjoy the holiday season thanks to the City’s “sponsorship” component.

Any group or individual wishing to sponsor a senior citizen or a family may contribute on this more personal level. Donations in this way often create a stronger sense of community, as contributors get to personally and directly affect a specific family or senior.

The families submit a “wish list” and those sponsoring the family may provide items on the list – items the children and family members have specifically wished for. Sponsors also provide items for a holiday meal, which truly completes the holiday experience.

Last year, many groups served as sponsors including local civic organizations, women’s groups, employees of local companies, Scout troops, church groups and a number of caring families.

However, family sponsorship is only one way to contribute to Rockville’s Holiday Drive. Monetary gifts and new unwrapped toys are also needed.

Checks should be made payable to the Rockville Holiday Drive Fund and mailed to the Department of Neighborhood and Community Services, Attn: Rockville Holiday Drive, 20 Courthouse Square, Suite No. 205, Rockville Md. 20850.

Those interested in sponsoring a family should call Mandy Smith at 240-314-8318.

For more information about the Holiday Drive, call 240-314-8307. [RR](#)



SCOUTING CITY HALL... Members of Cub Scout Pack 1753, all of whom attend Fallsmead Elementary School in West Rockville, came to City Hall on Nov. 15 to learn about their local government. As part of a citizenship project, the 17 scouts talked with Mayor Larry Giammo and asked questions, including “Do Mayors get to have any fun?” The scouts also were greeted in the Mayor and Council Chambers by Councilmember Anne Robbins (above).

Bartlett Named Acting Director for Department of NCS

It really takes someone who grew up in Rockville, who graduated from a high school like Richard Montgomery and who wants to raise their children in Rockville to fully understand what makes Rockville the city it is. And Chris Bartlett understands Rockville.

Bartlett, a Rockville native who has worked for 16 years in City government, on Oct. 25 was named acting director of Rockville's Department of Neighborhood and Community Services. Bartlett, who helped found the City's innovative Neighborhood Resources program, was appointed after former director Guerdon Stuckey resigned to take a position with the City of Los Angeles government.

A permanent director will eventually be named by Scott Ullery, who takes over as Rockville's new city manager on Nov. 29. The city manager is responsible for appointing all department directors.

The director of Neighborhood and Community Services is responsible for the divisions of Community Enhancement and Code Enforcement, Com-



Chris Bartlett

munity Programs and Administration, Neighborhood Resources and Youth and Family Services.

Bartlett, who also will keep some of his duties in Neighborhood Resources working as a liaison with Rockville's more than 50 community associations, says he is looking toward the new challenge.

"Rockville is not only the place I work, but it also is the place that, in many ways, has defined my life," he said.

"There are some outstanding programs and dedicated staff members in each of our divisions and I look forward to helping all of our programs provide a high level of service to Rockville's citizens." **RR**

Fall Leaf Collection Schedule

Leaves, leaves everywhere! Each fall and spring the City helps with yard maintenance by collecting leaves.

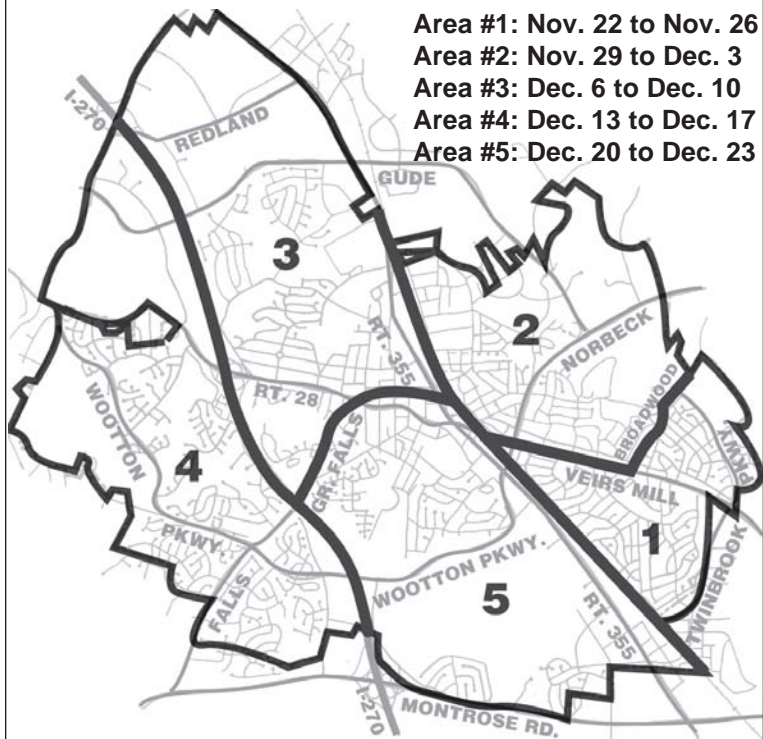
Simply rake leaves into the gutter, or immediately adjacent to the pavement where no curb or gutter exists, by 6 a.m. on Friday of the collection week.

Be sure to remove all limbs, rocks and other heavy objects.

Do not place the leaves in plastic bags. The City recycling program will collect the leaves and grass in biodegradable bags or easily emptied containers.

For specific questions, call 240-314-8570.

Area #1: Nov. 22 to Nov. 26
Area #2: Nov. 29 to Dec. 3
Area #3: Dec. 6 to Dec. 10
Area #4: Dec. 13 to Dec. 17
Area #5: Dec. 20 to Dec. 23



Rockville's Innovative Snow Emergency Plan Will Be In Effect for Second Winter

The innovative snow emergency plan put into effect in Rockville for the first time last winter proved to be an overwhelming success in many City neighborhoods. This winter, the City expects the plan to have an even bigger impact as more residents are now familiar with the details.

Rockville's plan differs from snow emergency plans of most area jurisdictions because it is geared toward helping clear residential streets, while most jurisdictions focus on major streets.

Rockville's plan requesting residents park in particular locations so snow can be cleared from streets was first utilized following a six-inch snowfall in late January.

Blocks that demonstrated 100 percent cooperation allowed crews to clear the streets with remarkable efficiency, said Hal Cranor, Rockville's director of Public Works. He credited neighbors and neighborhood associations, with passing the policy on to all residents.

"We knew that spreading word of a plan of this magnitude—a plan that affects every City residential street—would take some time to get around," said Cranor. "We are confident that it will have an even bigger impact this winter because the one thing people want after a snowfall is to find the fastest, most-efficient way to get their streets cleared."

The City Manager may declare a "snow emergency" and will announce the status through local media, via the City's Web site (www.rockville.md.gov) and on The Rockville



City trucks are prepared to plow streets this winter if needed.

Channel (Cable Channel 11).

The "snow emergency" ordinance states that after a snow emergency is declared:

- The City may remove or impound cars improperly parked
- Residents with driveways must park all vehicles there
- Residents without driveways, or who have more vehicles than will fit in the driveway, may park on the even-numbered side of the street only
- In courts or cul-de-sacs, where house numbers are not even on one side of the street and odd on the other, parking is allowed only on the left side of the streets as one enters the cul-de-sac or court
- No parking is allowed in the "bulb" of the cul-de-sac or court
- After the snowfall ends and the odd-numbered side of the street is cleared, vehicles must be moved to the odd-numbered side to allow plows to clear the even-numbered side
- A fine of \$100 for a "snow emergency" parking violation will be incurred for not

following the ordinance.

For more information, call 240-314-8500.

Snow Shoveling

Snow must be removed from all sidewalks, steps, driveways, parking spaces and the paved right-of-way sidewalk immediately fronting or abutting a property.

Snow and ice removal must occur within 24 hours if the snowfall is less than three inches and within 48 hours if it surpasses three inches. Fines may be imposed if the City ordinance is not followed. Call 240-314-8330 for more information.

Rockville Inclement Weather Updates

To find out whether a City meeting or recreation program has been cancelled due to the winter weather, always check www.rockvillemd.gov, The Rockville Channel (Cable Channel 11) and on most major radio and on local television stations.

The Rockville Recreation Inclement Weather hotline number is 240-314-5020. **RR**

Plan de Emergencia Para Los de Nieve

El novedoso plan de emergencia para los días de nieve puesto en práctica por primera vez en Rockville el invierno pasado tuvo un éxito abrumador en muchos vecindarios de la Ciudad. Este invierno, la Ciudad espera que el plan tenga una repercusión aún mayor ahora que más residentes están familiarizados con los detalles.

La ordenanza de "emergencia de nieve" establece que:

- La Ciudad puede trasladar o incautar los automóviles estacionados indebidamente.
- Los residentes que tengan entrada de autos deben estacionar allí todos sus vehículos.
- Los residentes que no tengan

entrada de autos o que tengan más vehículos que lugar en su entrada de autos, pueden estacionar solamente en el lado de la calle con numeración par.

- En las plazoletas o calles sin salida, donde la numeración de las casas no es par en un lado de la calle e impar en el otro, solo se permite el estacionamiento en el lado izquierdo de la calle visto desde la entrada de la plazoleta o calle sin salida.
- Después que haya terminado la nevada y se haya despejado el lado de la calle con numeración impar, se deben mover los vehículos a ese lado de la calle para permitir que los carros que levantan la nieve puedan despejar el lado de numeración par.

Para más información, llame al Departamento de Obras Públicas: 240-314-8500.

Traspaleo de la nieve

Se debe despejar la nieve de todas las aceras, escalones, entradas de autos, lugares de estacionamiento y aceras pavimentadas de derecho de paso contiguos o lindantes con una propiedad. Esto incluye rampas de acceso y cortes de aceras diseñados para el uso por las personas con discapacidades.

El traspaleo de la nieve y la remoción del hielo debe realizarse en un plazo no mayor de 24 horas cuando la nevada es de menos de 3 pulgadas, y en un plazo no mayor de 48 horas si la nevada sobrepasa las 3 pulgadas. Se impondrán multas si no se respeta la ordenanza de la Ciudad.

Para más información llame al 240-314-8330.

— Translated by
Victoria Imas-Duchovny



This display of the Kwanzaa celebration of community, family and culture was created by the David Scull Kidz Club at Glenview Mansion in Rockville Civic Center Park last year.

The Halls Are Decked at Glenview Mansion in Dec.

The rooms and halls at historic Glenview Mansion are decorated for a special “Home-spun Holidays” celebration in December, continuing the popular decades-long tradition that attracts nearly 3,000 people annually.

Sixteen Rockville community groups, from Girl Scouts to artists, have decorated trees and created unique holiday displays throughout the pillared, neoclassical, 19th century home, nestled in the 153-acre Rockville Civic Center Park. To view last year’s display, visit <http://www.rockvillemd.gov/glenview/trees1.swf>.

The mansion is open for viewing each week, generally

- Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. However, call ahead to ensure there are no private events that would close the mansion to the public.
- The public also is invited to free open houses featuring spirited live music and tours every Sunday in December. Each event is from 1-4 p.m. Planned entertainment is as follows:
- **Sunday, Dec. 12 1:15 p.m.** Richard Montgomery High School Madrigals
2:15 p.m. Encore Singers
3:15 p.m. Heart of Maryland Chorus
 - **Sunday, Dec. 19** Children’s Open House featuring craft-making and pictures with Santa, Mrs. Claus, Frosty and Rudolph
 - **Sunday, Dec. 26** Historic tours of the Mansion Music by Washington Area Folk Harp Society
 - **Sunday, Dec. 5 1:15 p.m.** Rockville Singers
2:15 p.m. Watkins Mill High School Chamber Singers
3:15 p.m. Heavenly Handbells from Trinity Lutheran Church
- For information about holiday events at Glenview Mansion, call 240-314-8660 or visit www.rockvillemd.gov. **RR**

Discounted Golf at Rockville’s RedGate

A great golf game is just steps away at RedGate Municipal Golf Course and simply because the weather is colder, does not mean that players have to pack away their clubs.

“These ‘off’ months can actually be the best time to work on your game. There are fewer people on the course, the price is lower and you can often get around the course quickly,” said RedGate’s PGA Golf Professional Kieron Mooney.

Discounted rates combined with the course’s new, easy-to-use online reservation systems enable golfers to enjoy the game with little hassle.

The new online registration systems offers a 14-day rolling window to reserve a tee-time, which is a longer timeframe

2004-2005 WINTER RATES

Effective Nov. 15–March 15, 2005

18 HOLES (7 days)	9 HOLES (7 days)
Non-Resident \$25.00	Non-Resident \$15.00
Resident \$23.00	Resident \$12.00

Replay Rate \$12.50
Twilight Rate \$20.00*
*Goes into effect 4 hours before sunset

CART RATES

9 holes \$7/rider
18 holes \$9/rider
Replay \$5/rider

RedGate
Golf Course

than those who simply call the pro shop (240-314-8730). The online reservation system is available at www.rockvillemd.gov/redgate.

Because of limited daylight, through March 15, tee time reservations only will be accepted for spots from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, Monday through Friday, and for the 9 a.m. shot-

gun starts on Saturday and Sunday. All other times are on a first-come, first-serve basis.

RedGate’s winter hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. On Saturday and Sunday the course opens at 8:15 a.m. with a 9 a.m. shot gun start.

The direct phone number for RedGate is 240-314-8730. **RR**

Commuting By Bike: Wet And Cold Weather Tips

Many people in Rockville are choosing to use their bicycles for transportation. Now that colder months have arrived, they may find they need to ride in rain and snow.

With so many health, environmental and economic benefits associated with bicycle riding, even the novice rider can learn to work around rain and snow.

A combination of good riding skills and the right equipment can make the commute much safer and comfortable. Following these bicycling tips can help everyone enjoy their winter rides:

Prepare to Stay Dry and Warm: Wearing a rain jacket and pants is the best defense against foul weather as they cut down on wind and keep

out wetness. Breathable fabrics are preferred, but not required. Bicycle fenders also help keep clothes from getting

dirty. Additional items to consider include water-proof gloves, a snug hood or cap, a synthetic clothing underlayer to whisk away moisture and rain booties to protect shoes. And most importantly, no matter what the weather, always wear a helmet.

Brake Early and Often: Allow plenty of stopping distance in wet weather. Before you plan to stop, gently squeeze the brakes to clear the water from the brake pads.

Avoid Puddles: A puddle can disguise a deep pothole, so avoid puddles when ever possible. **RR**

“There’s no such thing as bad weather for biking. But you can be poorly prepared.”

— Jeff Radan,
Bikeway Coordinator



Biking in the colder weather can be fun, according to many Rockville commuters. Above, Katherine Kelly, a City transportation planner, locks up her bike outside of City Hall last winter.

Total Carb Og*

Total Fat Og*

A feast of information about your city government!

*Does not include carbohydrates and fats in the food you may be eating while watching television.

INSIDE MAYOR & COUNCIL

A Glimpse into the City Government at Work

Akridge Revises Plans for ‘Fitzgerald’ in Town Center

The Akridge Development Company has revised its plans for a complex of condominium units and retail space in Rockville Town Center, proposing a modification in the height of buildings, decreasing the number of residential units and increasing the proposed amount of square feet of retail space.

The changes were presented during a Nov. 1 public hearing on

minium units and seven “townhouse-lofts” in buildings of varied heights—some as tall as about 18 stories—for the complex that would be part of Rockville Town Center.

The new proposal would reduce the total number of condominiums to 285 (including elimination of the townhouse-lofts); increase the amount of retail space to 20,000 (up from



The proposed “Fitzgerald” is a residential and retail complex that would look similar to this sketch as seen from the corner of Maryland and East Montgomery avenues.

the Preliminary Development Plan for the “Fitzgerald” at 196 East Montgomery Ave.—half of the surface parking lot across from the restaurant row and Regal Cinema on East Montgomery Avenue.

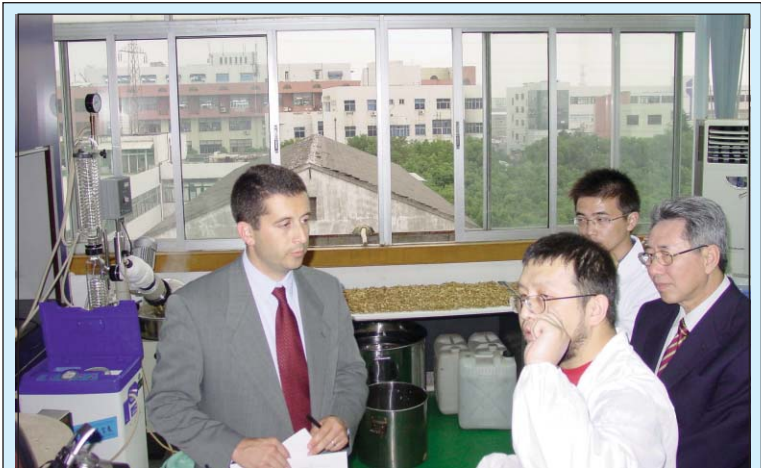
In 1994, the then-owner of the property was granted permission by Rockville’s Planning Commission to build an office and retail complex that could be as tall as 225 feet (about 22 stories). Recently, Akridge proposed a complex at a lesser height that would change the office use to condominiums.

At a September presentation before a joint worksession of the Mayor and Council and the Planning Commission, Akridge (under the name of Rockville Renaissance West, LLC) proposed building 292 condo-

17,340); and modify the height of buildings that would front a new Renaissance Street to 170 feet (about 16 stories, down from about 18 stories) and fronting East Montgomery Avenue to 70 feet (about seven stories).

Market conditions have changed since the 1994 plan was approved, reducing the demand for office space while the demand for residential units has greatly increased, leading to the application for a change in uses.

The Planning Commission reviewed the new plan on Oct. 27 and recommended that the Mayor and Council reject it. The final decision for approval lies with the Mayor and Council, who will next discuss it at the general session of Monday, Dec. 6. **RR**



LEARNING THE WAYS OF THE EAST... Rockville Mayor Larry Giammo (left) was briefed on operations of a pharmaceutical incubator in the city of Suzhou as part of his trade mission to China in October.



SALUTE TO VETERANS... Bob Bollard (left) of the P.O.W. Association stands with members of the Mayor and Council after the Veterans Day Ceremony on Nov. 11 at Veterans Park. Bollard was a Prisoner of War for five months during World War II and told the crowd he still keeps in close contact with his surviving fellow soldiers.

Upper Rock: ‘Lofty’ Goals for Planned New Community

The northern-most development community of Rockville—one that transitions between King Farm and Shady Grove Road—would be “hip, progressive and daring,” according to a proposal made by the JBG Companies to the Mayor and Coun-

residential buildings varying in height from four to six stories. “These open, edgy spaces could be used for living, working or a combination of both,” JBG said in its presentation. “Featuring high ceilings, oversized windows and exposed



The plan for the “Upper Rock District” (sketch above) would create a “hip, progressive and daring” community.

cil and the City’s Planning Commission on Nov. 15.

The “Upper Rock District” would follow the theme the developers described as “new urbanism.”

At a worksession unveiling the proposal, JBG said the overall 20-acre community (now only occupied by two office buildings) would have 844 multi-family residential units, including 94 moderately-priced units targeted for senior citizens; 9,000 square feet of restaurant space; 7,250 square feet of retail space; and 245,336 square feet of office space. Most of the office space already exists as part of a nine-story building opened in 2004 on Choke Cherry Road.

The key element of the overall plan would be the conversion of a 30-year-old three-story office building at 5 Choke Cherry to a six-story residential building that would primarily have live/work lofts. These units could be occupied by artists, small business owners or unique retail shop owners. In addition to this converted building, there would be five other

pipings, the lofts would be appealing to people of all ages who want to experience urban life at its best.”

The retail space would be aimed toward unique businesses, rather than chain retailers. This is sometimes known as “incubator retail,” encouraging new businesses.

The development is less than one mile from the Shady Grove Metro Station.

“I, for one, think it is a terrific idea,” said Councilmember Susan Hoffmann. “I like the idea of Rockville being an innovative city.”

The plan is scheduled to go before the City’s Planning Commission on Wednesday, Dec. 1, for its recommendation to the Mayor and Council. A public hearing is tentatively scheduled before the Mayor and Council on Monday, Dec. 6, starting at 7 p.m.

“There are a lot of interesting, if not intriguing, elements here,” said Mayor Larry Giammo.

If approved this spring by the Mayor and Council, JBG said construction would begin in 2006. **RR**



Mayor Larry Giammo



Councilmember Robert E. (Bob) Dorsey



Councilmember John F. Hall, Jr.



Councilmember Susan R. Hoffmann



Councilmember Anne M. Robbins

Mayor & Council Drop In

The Mayor and at least one Councilmember are available to meet with citizens prior to specific meeting nights each month. There will not be a Mayor and Council Drop-In session in December, but Drop-In will resume on Tuesday, Jan. 18. Check the January *Rockville Reports* or visit the City’s Web site at www.rockvillemd.gov for a schedule. Citizens with questions or comments can contact the City Clerk’s Office at 240-314-8280.

Mayor & Council Meetings

All General Sessions, Worksessions and Public Hearings are televised on The Rockville Channel, and are available on streaming video at: www.rockvillemd.gov. All meetings are subject to change.

- **Dec. 6 (Mon.)** Worksession 5:30 p.m., General Session/Public Hearing (Town Center) 7 p.m.
- **Dec. 13 (Mon.)** Worksession (Town Center) 6:30 p.m. (tentative)

Boards & Commissions Vacancies

The City is seeking applicants for appointment to the following:

- Cultural Arts Commission (two)
- Human Services Advisory Commission (two at-large)
- Human Rights Commission (one)
- Landlord/Tenant (one/tenant)
- Commission on the Environment (two)
- Rockville Scholarship Foundation Board of Directors (one)

For more information, contact the Office of the City Clerk at 240-314-8280.

OUT & ABOUT IN ROCKVILLE

Highlighting City Events and Programs

The First Footsteps: Clues to Native American Past in Rockville

In November, the City celebrated American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month and many Rockville citizens may have visited the new National Museum of the American Indian on the National Mall. Although much attention has been paid recently to the history and life of Native Americans, many people may be unaware of their significant impact in Rockville.

"It's important to know that the land that we are driving, working and living on was known to Indians," said Eileen McGuckian, executive director of Peerless Rockville and author of *Rockville: Portrait of a City*. "We use the same routes today as they used."

McGuckian's book says today's transportation routes are some of the most visible contributions by early Indians some 10,000 years ago. These well-worn paths were primarily along the elevated ridges that were ideal because they did not wash out in the rains and were important to hunting, fishing and transportation to Indians and settlers.

The Monocacy path, a north-south route from the Susquehanna River Valley into Montgomery County, is today Darnestown Road (Route 28). River Road connected low-lying points. Trails along Parr's Ridge took travelers across northern areas. Current State Route 355, from above Frederick, across Seneca Creek, south through Rockville and down through the valley of Rock Creek to the Potomac River, was a long-established north-south route known as the Sinequa Trail.



A mini pow-wow took place in Rockville on Nov. 13 at the Seventh Annual Rockville American Indian Festival. The theme of this year's festival was "Native Culture = National Treasure, Keeping It Alive and Well." Participants in the program traveled from as far as South Dakota.

The word "Seneca" and other Native American words can be found throughout our region based on the language spoken by early American Indians.

Sinequas (Senecas) and the Susquehannocks are two of the five Iroquois Nations that moved into the region beginning around 1200 A.D. Early Montgomery Indians found themselves competing for river and forest resources with these groups who moved across the Potomac from Virginia and down from New York and Pennsylvania.

Many questions remain unanswered about early Native Americans in Rockville and Montgomery County. However,

early Indian artifacts found in the area, including six prehistoric sites in the limits of the City of Rockville, give clues to early Native life which began as early as 15,000 years ago.

Rockville's fertile land and easy access to creeks made it a perfect place for generations of American Indians, and was later attractive to settlers.

In the brief contact period of the 1690s between colonists and Indians, Rockville was a buffer zone between Indian cultures. European traders met the peaceful Piscataways who sought protection from the hostile Susquehannocks and Senecas.

Early settlers formed a volunteer cavalry known as the "Potomac Rangers," which attempted to control Indian activity from their garrison at the mouth of Rock Creek. By 1700, under increasing pressure, Indians left Montgomery County to the colonists who began to clear hunting and foraging grounds in order to plant tobacco.

Today, according to American Indian Society President Michael Nephew, a large population of American Indians has been attracted to Rockville because the U.S. agency of Indian Health Services is located in the area.

"It's important we celebrate all of our different heritages," he said. "All of the heritages that have come to form America have made it the great country it is today. It is all intertwined in this fabric we call America. It gives people a sense of pride in who they are." **RR**

Rockville's Holiday Jingles

The weather outside may soon be frightful, but that should not keep families and groups of friends from participating in the many holiday Rockville events planned throughout December and early January.

All of the distinctive seasonal activities in the City are noted with a bell on the December Calendar of Events located on page 7.

New events include two candlelight tours to historic Havre de Grace and Old Town Alexandria where participants can experience beautiful period homes, churches and several bed and breakfasts.

Ready for celebration are annual favorites like the Glenview Mansion Holiday Open Houses featuring live music and holiday displays from local community groups.

With so many free or low-cost activities, there is something for everyone to enjoy this season. **RR**



The Croydon Creek gift shop "Nature Notions" sells educational and environmentally responsible items. Proceeds benefit the center's education programs for thousands of children and adults each year.

Rockville Gift Ideas for Everyone on the List

'Tis the season of giving—a time when the hunt for gifts for friends and family can sometimes seem endless. But that is not the case for those living in Rockville. The City has a number of unique gifts available right around the corner.

Share Rockville pride without breaking the budget by purchasing Rockville memorabilia at City Hall. The City Clerk's Office offers a number of reasonably-priced City mementos including a dark blue golf umbrella with the City seal (\$6), a porcelain Rockville coffee mug (\$2) and a multi-color, black background Rockville t-shirt (\$5). *Rockville: Portrait of a City* by Eileen McGuckian, a comprehensive account of Rockville's past, and work by local artists on display throughout City Hall, also make great gifts.

City recreation gift certificates are perfect for those who want to share the gifts of learning and activities. People of all ages can choose from hun-

dreds of classes offered each year in the City's Recreation Guide with certificates that are available in denominations of \$10 and \$25.

Unique treasures are always on hand at the Senior Center gift shop, including seasonal items, plants, handmade gifts and consignment goods. Rockville Seniors, Inc. also offer gift certificates for avid Senior Center participants.

Another unique City shopping experience can be found at Nature Notions, the Croydon Creek Nature Center gift shop. Nature Notions sells environmentally friendly and educational items that make perfect gifts. From plush birds and animals that talk when squeezed to recycled denim pencils, the colorful, unique items will make any holiday bright.

For the golf lover, RedGate Municipal Golf Course has a fully stocked Pro Shop offering quality clothing, golf equipment and gift certificates for rounds and lessons. **RR**

CITY GIFT SHOP HOURS

- Senior Center: M,W,Th and F 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; Tu 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
- RedGate Pro Shop: M-F 7:15 a.m.-sunset; Sa-Su 6 a.m./sunrise-sunset
- Croydon Creek Nature Center: Tu-Sa 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Su 1-5 p.m.
- City Hall: M-F 8:30 a.m.- 5 p.m.

MERCHANDISE AND GIFT CERTIFICATES

- Rockville Merchandise (City Clerk's Office): 240-314-8280
- Rec Gift Certificates and *Rockville: Portrait of a City* book: 240-314-8620
- Rockville Seniors, Inc.: 240-314-8800
- Red Gate Pro Shop: 240-314-8730



HALLOWEEN HAUNTS... A number of fall celebrations took place in the City in October and November, including the popular Haunted Happenings Halloween celebration in Rockville Civic Center Park on Friday, Oct. 22. Above, a friendly witch greets guests at the Croydon Creek "Creep" Nature Center, which hosted educational and fun activities.

In Brief

Dec. 8 Deadline for MLK, Jr. Awards

The City's Human Rights Commission is seeking nominations for its annual F. Michael Taff Award and the Martin Luther King Jr. Youth Award that will be presented at the City's 33rd annual Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration on Jan. 17. The nomination deadline for both awards is Wednesday, Dec. 8.

Applications are available at the City's Web site (www.rockville.md.gov) or by calling 240-314-8316. Send completed applications to the Rockville Human Rights Commission, 111 Maryland Ave., Rockville, Md., 20850 or submit them online.

CALL **240-314-8316** FOR INFO

Firewood and Mulch Available for Free

Free firewood and wood chip mulch are available at no cost to Rockville citizens at the City's Maintenance Yard located at 14625 Rothgeb Dr.

Bins containing the mulch and wood are located at the northern end of the upper maintenance yard parking lot. The mulch and unsplit logs are made from trees removed throughout the City.

CALL **240-314-8700** FOR INFO

Registration Starts on Dec. 1 for Winter Classes

All residents should have received the City's Winter Recreation Guide in the mail. Registration begins Wednesday, Dec. 1, for residents and Thursday, Dec. 9, for nonresidents.

There are a variety of new classes: Animal Art, Knitting, Pottery-Introduction to Play, Yoga Vinyasa Flow, Gym and Swim, Personal Safety for Kids, Intermediate Pilates, Family Woodworking, Watercolor Splash and a teens' Valentines Day Yoga Trance Dance.

For more information visit www.rockvillemd.gov and click on Rock Enroll, call or visit the Recreation Desk at City Hall, 111 Maryland Avenue.

CALL **301-762-4284** FOR INFO

Snow Shoveling Volunteers Wanted

As the City prepares for another winter of possible significant snowfall, Rockville's Senior Center is compiling names of volunteers who are willing to help seniors by shoveling their sidewalks and driveways after winter snowfalls. The Senior Center also is compiling a list of seniors who regularly need help.

Those wishing to volunteer, and those seniors who may need assistance, should call in advance of upcoming winter storms.

CALL **240-314-8810** FOR INFO

Business Plan Writing Seminar Dec. 8

The second annual "StartRight!" business plan competition for women entrepreneurs in the Washington, D.C., region has begun with a series of free business plan writing seminars.

The next free writing seminar, which is open to both competitors and non-competitors, will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 8, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Rockville Economic Development, Inc. (REDI) office at 95 Monroe Street. The business plan competition and writing seminars are sponsored by REDI and the Rockville Chamber of Commerce.

CALL **301-315-8096** FOR INFO

Town Center Web Cam

Witness history in motion right from your computer.

View the progress of Phase I of Town Center construction through the lens of the City's new online Web camera that is focused on the Rockville Town Square construction site. Follow the transformation from foundation preparation to the eventual mix of retail, restaurant and residential uses that will be anchored by the new Rockville Regional Library.

A camera on top of The Victoria condominiums on East Middle Lane broadcasts live pictures of the construction site every 60 seconds to the City's Web site at www.rockvillemd.gov.



A TASTE OF RED... *The Rockville Sister City Corporation fosters a bridge between the City and Pinneberg, Germany, through its first red wine tasting event in November, at the Senior Center.*

The camera is operational 24 hours a day.

Special thanks to RockNet, a group of citizens interested in technology, for their work in making the Web cam possible.

Potential Homeowners Can Get Buying Tips

The American Dream—owning a home—can be as intimidating as it is exciting.

To help those considering buying their first home, the City of Rockville's Department of Neighborhood and Community Services (NCS) will present two seminars that take the mystery—and fright—out of buying a home for the first time.

The free seminars will start at 7 p.m. on Thursday nights,

Dec. 9 and 16, at the NCS offices at 20 Courthouse Square.


CALL **240-314-8319** FOR INFO

Electronic Payment Of Utility Bill

Tired of writing checks and paying postage for your Rockville utility bill? You can have that payment transferred automatically from your checking or savings account to the City's bank.

Under this system, you will receive a memorandum bill that shows water consumption and charges. After you receive the bill on or before the 15th of the next month, the amount due will be transferred electronically to the City.

CALL **240-314-8420** FOR INFO

 = Holiday Event

CITY

Nov.30-Jan.2

Holiday Tours at the Beall-Dawson House Presented by the Montgomery County Historical Society (MCHS) every Tuesday-Sunday. 12 noon-4 p.m. FREE for Montgomery County Historical Society members/\$3 for NM. 301-340-2825

3,17 MOBY Medical Clinic

Primary medical care to low-income, uninsured, working-poor and homeless people in Montgomery County. 9:30-11:30 a.m. Twinbrook Community Recreation Center. 301-493-2400

5 Holiday Workshop:

Homemade Gifts Presented by MCHS. Gift-making workshop is included with admission to Beall-Dawson House tour (FREE MEM/\$3 NM) plus a \$2 materials fee. 12:30-3:30 p.m. Beall-Dawson House. 301-340-2825

10,24 MOBY Medical Clinic

9:30-11:30 a.m. Lincoln Park Community Recreation Center. 301-493-2400

11 Trip to Radio City

Christmas Spectacular in NYC Take a City-sponsored trip to New York City to see the Christmas Spectacular with the Rockettes and a 3-D Santa. 5 a.m.-11 p.m. Departs from/returns to City Hall. \$155 RES/ \$175 NR. 240-314-8641

12 Two Candlelight Tours

Tour Havre de Grace and/or Old Town Alexandria by candlelight. **Havre de Grace:** 12 noon-9 p.m., Departs from/returns to Croydon Creek Nature Center. \$40 RES/ \$45 NR **Alexandria:** 2-10 p.m. Departs from/Returns to City Hall. \$48 RES/\$60 NR. 240-314-8611

december calendar of events

RES. = Residents • NR. = Non Residents • MEM. = Member • NM. = Non Member

18 Dickens' A Christmas

Carol at Ford's Theatre 1-8 p.m. Departs from/returns to City Hall. \$61 RES/\$77 NR. 240-314-8641

18 Off-Leash Dog Testing

Tests to see if City dogs can be walked without a leash. Call to register as date is subject to change. 10 a.m. Swim Center Outdoor Entrance Parking Lot. 240-314-8930

Jan.1 Peerless

Rockville's 30th Annual New Year's Day Brunch Bring friends, family and a dish. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Glenview Mansion. \$15 general admission. 301-762-0096

ARTS

The Glenview Mansion Art Gallery and F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre are located in Rockville's Civic Center Park. Arts Hotline: 240-314-5006. Tickets may be purchased online at www.rockvillemd.gov/theatre. Service charges apply.

4,5,11,12 Rockville

Civic Ballet presents "The Nutcracker" Show times: Saturdays, Dec. 4 and 11, 2 and 7:30 p.m.; Sundays, Dec. 5 and 12, 2 p.m. F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre. \$10 adults, \$8 children ages 12 and under and senior citizens ages 60 and older. Group rates available. Box office: 240-314-8690. For information, call 240-314-8681.

5-31 Glenview Mansion Art

Gallery Rockville Art League - Juried Members Show, varied media. More than 100 works of art by local artists. Opening Reception Sunday, Dec. 5. 1-4 p.m. FREE. 240-314-8682

5,12,19,26

Glenview Mansion Holiday Open Houses Celebrate the season with free concerts, several rooms of holiday decorations and special activities. Sundays 1 - 4 p.m. FREE. 240-314-8660

19 Rockville Chorus "Sol-

stice Celebrations" Enjoy the sounds of the season from this 80-member chorus. 7:30 p.m. FREE. Donations accepted. Tickets required. Box office: 240-314-8690.

19 Rockville Concert Band

"Holiday Concert" 3 p.m. Pre-concert "Clarinet Choir" at 2 p.m. in theatre's lobby. FREE. Donations accepted. Tickets required. 240-314-8681.

SENIOR CENTER

All programs at the Rockville Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Dr., unless noted. Phone: 240-314-8800

1 **December Birthday and Holiday Party** 1:30-3 p.m. FREE. Registration Required.

4 21st Annual Senior Center

Holiday Bazaar 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Proceeds benefit Rockville Seniors, Inc.


7 **Shopping On-Line** Find out where to shop, how to get the best price and about shopping security. 10 a.m.-12 noon. FREE. Registration required.

13 **Reverse Mortgages** Learn how homeowners 62 and older can convert home equity into tax free income with no repayment as long as you live in your home. 10:15 a.m.-12 noon. FREE.

13,28&30 **Beginners Intro To Computers** A six-hour course for seniors. Keyboard: Mon-

day, Dec.13, 10-11:30 a.m. Mouse: Monday, Dec. 13, 12:30-2 p.m. Word Processing: Tuesday and Thursday, Dec. 28 and 30, 10:30 a.m.-12 noon. Beginners' individual instruction every Friday at 9:30-11:30 a.m. FREE. Registration required.

14 **In Person Trip Lottery Registration** 10:30 a.m.

 **16** **Dealing Gently With Holiday Stress** Learn specific tools for reducing holiday stress. 10:15 a.m.-12 noon. FREE

16 **Take The "In" Out Of Incontinence** 1-2 p.m. FREE.

21 English Class Registration


Classes include beginner, intermediate and advanced levels. Classes begin the week of Jan. 10 and end the week of March 14. 10:30 a.m.

NATURE CENTER

All programs are at the Croydon Creek Nature Center, 852 Avery Road, Rockville Civic Center Park, unless noted. Registration is required. Register online at www.rockvillemd.gov or call 240-314-8770.

1 **Tiny Tot Walk: Caribou:** 10:30-11:15 a.m. Ages 1 1/2-2; 1-2 p.m. Ages 3-5 \$3 RES/\$4 NR

2 **Deer Herd** 10-11 a.m. Learn about white-tailed deer. Take a hike and make a craft. Ages 3-6 \$4 RES/ \$5 NR

 **27** **Reindeer Games** Take a trip to meet Minnie, Molly and Spruce, just a few of the herd's reindeer. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Ages 7-13. \$30 RES/\$35 NR

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

All meetings are at City Hall unless otherwise noted.

1 **Planning Commission**, 7 p.m.

1 **Human Rights Commission**, 7:30 p.m.

2 **Recreation and Parks Advisory Board**, 7 p.m., Glenview Mansion

4 **Board of Appeals**, 9:30 a.m.

8 **Cultural Arts Commission**, 7 p.m., Cottage at Civic Center Park

13 **Sign Review Board**, 4 p.m. (held as needed)

13 **Traffic and Transportation Commission**, 7:30 p.m.

14 **Human Services Advisory Commission**, 7:30 p.m., Senior Center

14 **Commission on the Environment**, 7:30 p.m.

15 **Rockville Housing Enterprises**, 6:30 p.m., 14 Moore Dr.

15 **Planning Commission**, 7 p.m.

16 **Historic District Commission**, 7 p.m.

16 **Senior Citizens Commission**, 10 a.m., Senior Center

16 **Rockville Sister City Corporation**, 7:30 p.m., Holiday Location. To attend call 240-314-5029 in advance

21 **Rockville Seniors, Inc.**, 1 p.m., Senior Center

21 **Town Center Action Team**, 7 p.m., Room 105, Red Brick Courthouse

Rockville Up Close: RSI Hosts Annual Bazaar Dec. 4

Residents help shape Rockville through involvement with neighborhood and civic associations and participation on Mayor and Council-appointed Boards and Commission. On a regular basis, Rockville Up Close will take an in-depth look at these organizations.

The Senior Center Holiday Bazaar is no big secret to the 600-700 people who usually attend each year, but for anyone who has not been, there is something for just about everyone to enjoy.

The event is one of the biggest fundraisers for Rockville Seniors, Inc., the center's independent fundraising organization.

This year's 21st annual bazaar promises to have as many treasures as ever. The bazaar will be held on Saturday, Dec. 4, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. with multiple vendors to visit throughout the day.

"The money we raise goes



Ron Barber, president of Rockville Seniors, Inc., helps a volunteer draw the winners of the raffle at last year's Senior Center Holiday Bazaar.

directly back to the center, which benefits all our members and users," said Ron Barber, president of RSI. "Each year we walk through the building and decide what needs to be replaced or added. For instance we paid for the new furniture in the dining room and sunroom, we helped fund the recent renovations to the kitchen and sunroom addi-

tion and we're putting in a new light in the parking lot."

More than 80 volunteers will be on hand to assist with the bazaar, which will include homemade food, handmade crafts, plants, thrift and gift items and a popular raffle.

This year's raffle features a \$500 cash grand prize, a handmade quilt from the Senior Center's Quilting Group "The

Piecemakers," an afghan blanket from the Helping Hands Knitting Group and gift certificates from local businesses.

Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5.

"We look forward to the event all year," said Jill Hall, supervisor of the Senior Center. "It is a great time with a lot of hidden treasures."

Everyone is welcome to attend the bazaar, which features a variety of artists who rent spaces to share their work. Bargain hunters are traditionally pleased with the offerings at the bazaar.

"Most of the people who come are not just seniors," Hall said. "They are just people looking for good prices on well-made and unique items. The homemade food is also a great attraction."

The Senior Center is located at 1150 Carnation Dr.

For more information contact the Center at 240-314-8800. [RR](#)

Volunteer Time:

Fan the Flames of the Rockville Volunteer Fire Department

There are many ways to share talent, experience, expertise and time with individuals or organizations by volunteering in the City. Each month "Volunteer Time" will highlight a different opportunity to promote an interest in giving back to the community.

For more than 80 years, the men and women of the Rockville Volunteer Fire Department (RVFD) have protected the City of Rockville. RVFD formed in 1921, when a group of 51 community members decided they needed to better safeguard the City, especially its stores, from quick spreading flames.

Today, the RVFD not only suppresses fires in everything from buildings to cars, but also provides emergency medical services to citizens in and around the City of Rockville.

"RVFD is a true community service," said Russell W. Dawson, chief of the Rockville Volunteer Fire Department. "It is citizens serving citizens."

There are more than 120 active volunteers who perform 12-hour duty shifts each week at two of the four Rockville Volunteer Fire Department stations.

Volunteers must be at least 16 years old and legal U.S. residents. To be an emergency medical technician, Maryland requires individuals to be 18 years old, although younger members can participate in training and observe during rides in the ambulance.

But there are many other ways to volunteer for the RVFD. "Behind the scenes" positions include Auxiliary volunteers who provide meals and support as well as administrative members. They provide valuable services to the department such as Web site design, Web maintenance and assistance with paperwork and records.

For more information about volunteer opportunities, visit www.rvfd.org/volunteer, call 301-424-4407 or e-mail volunteer@rvfd.org. [RR](#)

New On The Rockville Channel: Report on FY04, Mayor and Council Preview and Rockville U Series

Three new must-see programs for citizens are now airing on The Rockville Channel (Cable Channel 11), the City of Rockville's municipal government station.

Over the past decade, TRC has been recognized with numerous national and local awards for the quality of the content and production values of its programming, and that likely will continue with the new line up of shows this month.

"The City has long operated on the belief that an informed citizenry is essential to a representative form of government," said Doug Breisch, television and telecommunications man-

ager. "We believe these new programs, along with all of the other TRC programs, provide a valuable contribution to the City's overall efforts to keep residents informed about their municipal government."

Highlights of the many new or improved City projects citizens saw last year are featured in the Fiscal Year 2004 annual report video "Breaking New Ground," now airing on TRC. The recap of progress includes major steps in Town Center as well as a number of new special events and programs citizens saw throughout Rockville last year.

Also on tap for December is the continuation of a series of

several Rockville University presentations.

The shows cover topics featured in Rockville University classes, making the information available to citizens unable to attend the City's free civic education program.

In November, the session "History and Trends of Rockville" gave citizens an over view of Rockville's past. In December, the session "Profiles of Rockville," explores forms of local government, boards and commissions, Rockville demographics and Rockville's business community.

A brief preview of important issues being addressed at upcoming Mayor and Council

general sessions and public hearings can be found in the new program "Mayor and Council Preview." The brief program also spotlights a particular agenda item with special guests.

"Mayor and Council Preview" begins airing the Thursday before a general session/public hearing and continues throughout the weekend and the day of the meeting.

Those without cable access, can access The Rockville Channel programming through streaming video on the City's Web site. The complete schedule for all TRC programs is below and on the City's Web site, www.rockvillemd.gov. [RR](#)

TRC 11	THE ROCKVILLE CHANNEL DECEMBER PROGRAMMING SCHEDULE						
	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
12 Midnight until meeting ends	Planning Commission ▼	Mayor & Council ▼	Mayor & Council ▼	Mayor & Council ▼	Mayor & Council ▼	Mayor & Council ▼	Planning Commission ▼
6 am	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report
6:30 am	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline
7 am	Decked Halls	Annual Report	Destination: rockvillemd.gov	Preserving Rockville's Past	Annual Report	Decked Halls	Decked Halls
7:30 am	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review
8 am	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report
8:30 am	Mayor & Council ▼	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Mayor & Council ▼
9 am	▼	RU:Profiles of Rockville ▼	The Nutcracker ▼	RU:Profiles of Rockville ▼	Annual Report	RU:Profiles of Rockville ▼	▼
9:30 am	▼	▼	▼	▼	Decked Halls	▼	▼
10 am	▼	▼	▼	▼	The Nutcracker ▼	▼	▼
10:30 am	▼	Annual Report	Decked Halls	Annual Report	▼	Annual Report	▼
11 am	Cityline	Decked Halls	Destination: rockvillemd.gov	Preserving Rockville's Past	▼	Destination: rockvillemd.gov	Cityline
11:30 am	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review
12 noon	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report
12:30 pm	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline
1 pm until meeting ends	Mayor & Council ▼	Planning Commission ▼	Mayor & Council ▼	Mayor & Council ▼	Planning Commission ▼	Mayor & Council ▼	Planning Commission ▼
4 pm	RU:Profiles of Rockville ▼	▼	RU:Profiles of Rockville ▼	Annual Report	▼	The Nutcracker ▼	▼
4:30 pm	▼	Annual Report	▼	Destination: rockvillemd.gov	Decked Halls	▼	The Nutcracker ▼
5 pm	▼	Decked Halls	▼	Preserving Rockville's Past	Destination: rockvillemd.gov	▼	▼
5:30 pm	Annual Report	Preserving Rockville's Past	Annual Report	Decked Halls	Annual Report	Decked Halls	▼
6 pm	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report
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9 pm	▼	▼	Annual Report	▼	▼	▼	Destination: rockvillemd.gov
9:30 pm	▼	▼	Cityline	▼	Cityline	▼	Cityline
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